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I am firm in my belief that the FCC should retain all of the current mediaownership rules now in question. The studies commissioned by the FCC do not accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have on media diversity. There may be more sources of media than ever, but the spectrum of views are more limited. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a diversity of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

Isn't it possible to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation in order to solicit the widest possible participation from the public? It is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

The Commission must take the time to review these issues more carefully and allow the American people to participate in this process.

Sincerely,